

Weekly Column for August 3, 2006

Here we are, the beginning of August and an absolute massive few days of heat have engulfed us.

With temperatures in the mid 90's earlier in the week, we made a few decisions to try and lower the dramatic effect the heat would take on the residents in the City.

The big decision, and it was a rather easy one, was to expand normal pool hours to leave the facilities open until about 8:30 p.m. We had some fun with the whole subject, and declared it "Beat the Heat Week." While the temperatures were supposed to cool off on Thursday and Friday, it still feels pretty hot to me, so the policy is expanded through the week.

We also have allowed free admittance throughout the week. The normal cost to enter the pool is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. The financial cost to us will be minimal, but if it encourages people to get out and stay refreshed, you can't beat that.

I had the occasion to visit the Lansingburgh pool this afternoon and was quite happy to see so many young people enjoying the cool water. Should we have another heat wave before the summer ends, we'll be sure to extend the same extensions again.

For those that don't know, the City of Troy currently operates two pools, the Knickerbacker Pool is located in the northern end of the City at 104<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The South End Pool is located off of Tyler and Fourth Streets in South Troy.

Before I leave for the week, there are a few more exciting free concerts coming up this week. On Saturday night at Powers Park, it's Swing Night with Nitro Jive performing at 6 p.m. On Sunday night in Riverfront Park, the Collar City Live Concert Series continues with a performance by The Greyhounds. And finally, the Friends of Prospect Park are jumping on the concert wagon holding three concerts this August (on the front page of the website), the first of which will take place this Tuesday with a performance by the Hamilton Hill Arts Center Steel Drum Band. That show gets underway at 7 p.m.

Lots to do this weekend. Stay cool and have fun.

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